A LETTER SENT FROM THE MAIOR, BVRGESSES AND OTHER THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWNE OF HULL,

To the Right Worshipfull the High Sheriffe, and the reſt of the Gentrey and Freeholders in the County of *YORE*.

Now to Attend His Maieſtie on *Heyworth Moore*, *June* 3. 1642.

With the Proteſtation of the Gentry, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Yorke*, againſt a Petition drawne up in the Name of that County, dated *June* 3. 1642.

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TO THE RIGHT VVORSHIPFVLL THE High, and the rest of the Sheriffes, Gentry, in the County of *York*, now to attend his Sacred Maiesties summons and pleasure on *Heyworth More, Iune* 3. 1642.

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NOw (if ever) stand fast, quitt your selves as Fathers of your Countrey, let it Appeare before God and all the world, that truely generous blood runnes in your veynes; evidence in Gods Name, your heartiest Loyalty and deerest affection to his most Sacred Maiesty, but while you remembtr the King, forget not the Kingdome for the Lords sake; put not asunder those things which God hath so neerely joyned together, oh, consider the honour, the cause of God, the good successe of this present Parliament, your Lives, Lawes, liberties, your temporall, your spirituall welfare lyes all a bleeding this day at your owne feete, and earnestly supplicate your best assistance.

Tell us wee beseech you; shall wee die, and you live; can it possibly goe well with you, whilst ill with us, is it

not your owne cause and quarrell, as God and the Kings which wee maintaine, stand you not as much interessed, and as deepely ingaged to appeare, for God and the Kings Honour as wee our selves; were wee disposed to Recriminate, wee could Anathomize before God and man the worthinesse of those unreasonable men, the great zealots, not onely for the Ruine, but the eclipsing of the glory of this blessed Parliament, but our intent onely is to begge that all your hands, which in Justice you dare not, and in Charity (wee are sure) ought not to deny us, and thus your helpe and utmost endeavour in this nicke of our (wee had almost said your) greatest necessity, bee assured there was never a greater prize in your hands then at this time, in poore *Hull* are Imbark't two of the richest Iewells in the world, Gods truth, and Christendomes peace, each of which in valuation farre exceedes a Kings Ransome, we delight not in a needlesse & superfluous expence of words, And therefore wee shall in short tell you that wee or rather God expects this day at all your hands viz. That you (and that with instance) Petition his most Excellent Maiestie, to vouchsafe the influence of his Royall favour and gracious presence to his great Councell, the High Court of Parliament, the onely way (in humaine apprehension) to stanch the bleeding wounds of *Ireland*, and distracted *England*.

That you now helpe the Lords against the mighty; That with as humble boldnesse you manifest your extreame unwillingnesse to come in an hostile way against us, least you bring guiltlesse blood upon your owne heads, and kindle such a fire in *England*, as will never bee quenched; Assure your selves, that without much Contention and greatest circumspection, you may raise up such a Spirit as will not be coniured downe againe in haste; worthies, ponder we beseech you our present but sad condition, let your selves before Gods awfull Barre, make our case your own,

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Let your consciences speake, would you betray so great a trust committed to you, by so great a Councell; would you that we should wound through your sides, Heaven and Earth (what you shall attempt against us, will in the reflection result upon God, the King, the Church, the State, your selves; would you to satisfie a good King, set open the Gates, and with the same Courtesie gratifie a very bad companie who seeke nothing lesse then either the safety of His Maiesties Royall person and posterity; or the security of his Dominions and Leige people, would you have us wash our hands in your dearest blood, in some; would you have us render you the people of the Kings wrath; Wee are confident you would not; doe then (according to the primordiall Law) as you would be done unto, strike in wee beseech you effectually whilst you have time, put not God upon another course of deliverance, least the honour of *Yorkeshire* be layd in the dust for ever.

Oh, give us in this great straight, reall Testimony of your Affections; and you shall for ever have the acknowledgement of the reall obligations of all

Your affectionate friend,
and humble servants in
the poore Towne of

Hull.

The Proteſtation of the Gentrey, Miniſters, Free-holders, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Yorke*, againſt a Petition drawne up in the name of that County,

Bearing date the third of Iune, 1642.

WHereas there is a printed Petition (intituled, To the right Honourable the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled. The humble Petition of the Gentrey, Miniſters, Free-holders, and other ſubſtantiall Inhabitants of this County of *Yorke*) ſpread abroad in the County, which wee conceive to bee a geat wrong and ſcandall to all well affected perſons, not onely in reſpect of the matter thereof which we utterly diſlike, as laying an imputation upon the Parliament, si not giving life to the lawes of the Land,

land & likewiſe in charging thē to be the cauſe of the diſtractions of this Kingdome: but alſo, that it was never preſented to the Countrey at the Generall meeting the third of *Iune*, and albeit it was *P*rinted the next day, and ſince read in divers Churches: We whoſe names are here ſubſcribed, doe make our *P*roteſtation againſt the ſaid *P*etition, as no way ever approved on by us, or agreeing with our ſence. And wee doe hereby declare, that we ſhall (according to our *P*roteſtation lately taken by us) with our lives and fortunes defend his Maieſties Royall Perſon, Honour, and Eſtate, and alſo the power and priviledge of *P*arliament, together with the rights and liberties of the ſubiects; of which Rights and Liberties we conceive the Priviledges of *P*arliament to be the chiefe.

FINIS.